

TYTLER): (a) to (c) Sir, the information cannot be disclosed in public interest.

Conversion of National Highways into Expressways

773. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have given permission to convert some National Highways into Expressways; and

(b) if so, the names of such National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) No. Sir. However, an Expressway No. NE-1 is presently under construction from Ahmedabad to Vadodara along an altogether new alignment.

[English]

National Highways in Rajasthan

774. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan submitted some proposals for declaring certain roads as National Highways and also for construction of bridges on Inter-State roads during 1989, 1990 and 1991 (upto 30 June);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the proposals, out of the above, which have been sanctioned so far;

(d) the time by which the remaining proposals will be sanctioned; and

(e) if no proposal has been sanctioned, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A statement indicating both the requirements is attached.

(c) to (e) At the behest of the State Government of Rajasthan, the Manoharpura-Dausa Road link was included in the National Highway grid in February, 1989. However, the balance proposals for new National Highways, and the projects proposed so far under Inter-State or Economic Importance Scheme, can be considered only after the formulation of the 8th Five Year Plan depending upon inter-se priorities, funds available etc.

STATEMENT

(A) *Proposals for new National Highways received in 1989-90:*

- (1) Manoharpura—Dausa Road link.
- (2) Ajmeer—Bhilwara—Chittore—Indore Road.
- (3) Dausa—Sawaimadhopur.
- (4) Extension of 11-A from Manoharpura to Bagru via Chomu.

Proposals for new National Highways received during 1990-91 upto June, 1991.

- (i) Bikaner—Merta—Ajmer—Bhilwara—Chittorgarh—Ratlam—Indore.
- (ii) Gurgaon—Alwar Sariska—Dausa—Sawai Madhopur—Shivpuri.
- (iii) Kosi—Kama—Deeg—Bharatpur—Roopwas—Sepau—Dholpur.
- (iv) Extension of NH. 11(A) from Chandwaji (on NH. 8) to Chomu (on NH. 11) and Chomu to Bagru (on NH. 8).

(B) *Proposals under Inter-State or Economic Importance during 1989-90;*

- (i) Bridge on river Parvati on Chhabra-Dharnavada road (Cost: Rs. 350.00 lakhs)
- (ii) Bridge on river Ujhar on S.H. No. 19 District Jhalawar (Cost: Rs. 75.00 lakhs)

Proposals under Inter-State or Economic Importance during 1990-91 upto June, 91.

- (1) Construction of H.L. Bridge across river Parvati on Chhabra-Dharnaoda road (Cost: Rs. 350.00 lakhs)
- (2) Construction of H.L. Bridge across river Parvan on Baran Khanpur Jhalawar road in KM. 21 (Cost : Rs. 360.00 lakhs)
- (3) Construction of H.L. Bridge across river Ujhar on Indergarh Itawa Baran Khanpur Jhalawar Bhawani Mandi Dag Agar road (Cost: Rs. 96.00 lakhs)
- (4) Construction of H.L. Bridge across river Kunu on Kota Baran Shahbad Shivpuri road (Cost : Rs. 150.00 lakhs).
- (5) Construction of High Level bridge across river Jagar on Bharatpur Bayana Hindaun road at Km. 69 (Cost : Rs. 180.00 lakhs).
- (6) Construction of High Level bridge over river Dheel on Bonli Newai road in Km. 14 (Cost : Rs. 220.00 lakhs).
- (7) Construction of High Level bridge across river Jeewat in Km. 16 of Gangapur Bhadoti section of Bayana Hindaun Gangapur Bhadoti road (MDR-2) (Cost : Rs. 270.00 lakhs).
- (8) Construction of High Level bridge across river Bandi on Chaksu Fagi road SHW No. 2 (Cost: Rs. 250.00 lakhs).

- (9) Construction of High Level bridge across Gambhir river on Hindaun Dhawan Dholeta road in Km. 14/15 (Cost: Rs. 250.00 lakhs).
- (10) Construction of High Level bridge across river Morel on Bhadoti Gangapur road (Cost: Rs. 600.00 lakhs).
- (11) Construction of High Level bridge near Jaitpura on Raniwara Mander road SHW No. 11 (Cost: Rs. 165.00 lakhs).
- (12) Construction of High Level bridge near Karaunti on Sirohi Revdar Mandor Deesa SH No. 27 (Cost: 200.00 lakhs).
- (13) Construction of High Level Bridge over river West Banas on Sirohi Pindwara Abu road near Taleti (Cost : Rs. 200.00 lakhs).

[Translation]

Smuggling of Gold and Silver

775. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a spurt in the smuggling of gold and silver since 1989-90;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to check it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) :
(a) and (b) Since smuggling is a clandestine activity, it is not possible to estimate whether there has been a spurt in the smuggling of gold and silver since 1989-90. However, the figures of the quantity of gold and